SUBJECT No 5.

The period of limitation on hypothecation deeds to be raised to twenty-four years.

Mr. Suryanaranappa of Arkalgud Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The period of twelve years fixed in the Limitation Act operates harshly in cases where a person in whose favour bonds are executed dies leaving minors. As the bonds will be barred by limitation, where there are no proper guardians, by the time the minors attain majority, the period of limitation may be raised to twenty-four years; or if such a long period cannot be allowed, orders may be passed directing that such bonds are not barred by limitation till the minor sons attain majority.

Reply of Government.—The last para of Section 7 of the Limitation Act gives all the relief that is necessary in this matter. No alteration of law is therefore called for.

SUBJECT No. 6.

Municipal Regulation.

Messrs. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL B., Advocate, Shimoga Municipality; Anantharajaiya, City Municipality, Mysore; B. Srinivasaiya, T.-Narsipur Taluk; K. Venkatasubbaiya, Nanjangud Municipality; D. Gopalachar, Devanhalli Taluk; Varadachar, Chikballapur Taluk; Y. Narasimhaiya, Chikballapur Taluk; and K. ChannakesavaRao, Koppa Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Draft Regulation styled the "Municipal Regulation" may soon be passed into law. This will place the Municipal bodies on a sound basis and define their rights and liabilities and enable them to work in a better manner.

Reply of Government.—Final sanction is awaited, and the Regulation may be expected to be soon brought into force.

SUBJECT No. 7.

The Village Munsiff and Panchayet system.

Mr. M. Varahaswami Iyengar, Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—Throughout the State, District Boards, Taluk Boards and Unions have already been established. According to this all the villages should be divided into groups, each containing four or five villages. The Village Munsiff and Panchayet system ought to be brought into force by selecting the heads of those villages as panchayets who ought to settle all the trifling cases of the villages and see that the villages under their jurisdiction are kept in healthly condition and who ought to be held responsible for the moral and pious character of the people. Besides, they should not allow the villagers to go to the Cutcherries and Courts which puts both parties to much loss in trifling cases.

Reply of Government.—The reply given in 1904, *viz.*, "No action can be taken at present," still holds good.

No. 8.

Police Act.

Mr. C. H Richards, Mining Board, Kolar Gold Fields.

Summary of discussion.—The Board trust that the Police Act for the field, which was asked for as an urgent necessity two years ago, will receive the immediate attention of Government.

Reply of Government.—The report of the committee appointed in August 1904 for revising the Draft Police Regulation has been received, and is now under the consideration of Government.

SUBJECT No. 9.

Introduction of the Gambling Act.

Messrs M. Varahaswami Iyengar, Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote; Pandurangappa, Kumsi Sub-Taluk; and Yagaiyana Subba Rao, Sagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The young men of the villages in the State who have nothing to do, gamble, losing all they have and finally become paupers. It is requested that the Government will bring the Gambling Act into force early in order to prevent such wicked ways of life.

Last year, it was stated that this would be provided for in the new Police Regulation.

Reply of Government.—The Police Regulation, as stated last year, provides for the prevention of and punishment for gambling.

SUBJECT No. 10.

Abolition of night-watch duty in Village Unions.

Mr. Thimmasetty, Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In Subject No. 103 of 1904 it was represented that the system of night-watch had been introduced into Unions, after the abolition of Municipalities in those places. In Government Order No. 2525-6—L. F. 267 of 93, dated 25th May 1904, it has been clearly observed that the introduction of the night-watch is new to such Unions and that the system was not in force when they were Minor Municipalities. Orders are prayed for the abolition of night-watch in Unions.

NOTE:—Mr. Hutcheeregowda opposed the abolition.

Reply of Government.—Under Rule 31 A of the Village Police Rules of 1872, the system of night-watch is obligatory in all villages whatsoever. In 1890, however, the system was abolished as regards Municipal Towns which were to entertain any additional police establishment necessary. When some of these places ceased to be Municipalities, and became Unions, they came again under the general rule requiring the inhabitants to keep watch by turns. Strictly speaking, therefore, there has been no fresh introduction of the system in Unions as represented but only a reversion to the general rule, which cannot now be altered.

SUBJECT No. 11.

Mines Regulation.

Messrs. M. S. Ramachar, C. B. Gopal Rao (Kolar Municipality); Balvant Rao, Arsikere Taluk; and C. H. Richards (Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board).

Summary of discussion.—(1) The proposed extension of the Mines Regulation beyond the Mining area is dangerous. Therefore it is prayed that the provision of Section 8 of the Regulation may not be extended to the whole of Mysore.

(2) There is urgent necessity for amendment of the Mysore Mining Rules on the lines proposed in the Board's recent representations to Government through the Secretary to the Geological Department.

Reply of Government.—There is no present intention of increasing the mining area of the Kolar Gold Field.

SUBJECT No. 12.

Introduction of the Weights and Measures Regulation.

Messrs. Chikkaguruvareddi, Bangalore; D. Srikanta Rao of Devanhalli; Chik Ramanna, Byregowda, Kolar Taluk; S. Ranganaika, Tumkur Taluk; Hutcheeregowda, Gubbi Taluk; B. Thimmegowda, Tumkur Taluk; Madappa, Jahgirdar, Mysore; Lingegowda, Patel, Mysore; Venkatachar, Mandya Taluk; Nadig Pandurangappa, Kumsi Sub-Taluk; Krishnappa, Shikarpur Taluk, and Venkatachar, Shikarpur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Uniform weights and measures may be prescribed by law for the whole Province.

Reply of Government.—The draft rules are now before Government and will be dealt with promptly.